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C&K MARKET ANNOUNCES PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THE HOOPA STORE

HOOPA, CA (June 24, 2016) – On June 23, 2016, C&K Market, Inc. (C&K) informed the Hoopa Tribe that the company would be permanently closing its store in Hoopa, California. Karl Wissmann, C&K's President & CEO, issued the following statement:

Our last communication from the Hoopa Valley Tribe was Friday, June 17. This is not an unusual situation, as the Tribe has often been unresponsive to us. For the past nine years, we've expressed our interest in negotiating a long-term lease, so we could make improvements in the store. The Tribe did not respond to our inquiries, so we've operated on a month-to-month basis.

Last week, we voluntarily closed Ray's Food Place in Hoopa due to rodent issues that were not acceptable to us. We also took the initiative to hire contractors to seal the exterior of the store to prevent further rodent entry. Over this past weekend, our contractors removed refrigeration systems and started other in-store eradication efforts. Planning and completing this work required that the store be closed to the public. Earlier, we indicated that we would reopen the store as soon as we had a long-term lease with the Tribe.

Despite numerous attempts to communicate with the Tribe, C&K management has not heard from them for almost a week. Smooth store operations require a good working relationship with the landlord; we do not have that partnership with the Tribe. Given the Tribe's lack of interest in talking with us about retaining us as tenants, we are giving notice that we will vacate the store on August 31, 2016. The store will not reopen.

We will offer Hoopa store employees positions at other stores, but we know that may not be an option for all of them. We also realize that our store is a very convenient place for people to shop, and closing will mean that many will have to travel to obtain food. Yet, we cannot operate a store when the building owner ignores us and does not respond to us. We extend our appreciation to our employees and customers for their support over the years.

About C&K Market, Inc.

C&K Market, Inc., an independently owned grocery retailer based in Medford, Oregon, operates 42 grocery stores in Oregon and Northern California under the banners of Ray's Food Place, Shop Smart and C&K Market. More information can be found at www.ckmarket.com.